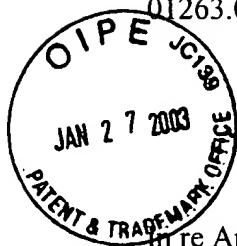


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Documents 55 to 58 were cited during prosecution of European patent application EP 01 30 4243, which corresponds to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report for EP 01 30 4243 is enclosed.

Documents 20, 21, 26, 31, 34 and 41 were cited during prosecution of European patent application GB 9925561, which corresponds to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report for GB 9925561 is enclosed.

Documents 22, 23, 37, 39 and 51 were cited during prosecution of PCT application PCT/GB 00/00718, which corresponds to the above U.S. application. A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/GB 00/00718 is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the attached Form PTO-1449.

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